

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please **CANCEL** claims 21-31 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please **AMEND** claims 1-6, 9-11, 13, 19, and 32-36 as follows.

Please **ADD** claims 37-43 as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) A method, comprising: ~~of changing a subscription information of a subscriber in a data network, said method comprising the steps of:~~

- a) ~~detecting a change in said subscription information of said a subscriber;~~
- b) ~~checking whether a capability of a network element serving a terminal device of said subscriber is still in accordance with said changed subscription information; and~~
- e) ~~initiating in response to the result of said checking step a registration procedure for registering said terminal device of said subscriber to a new serving network element.~~

2. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein said checking ~~step~~ comprises checking whether said serving network element is still capable of serving said terminal device of serving said terminal device of said subscriber ~~in view of~~ based on said changed subscription information.

3. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein said ~~detection step~~ detecting is based on a detection of a subscriber profile update.

4. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein said ~~detection step~~detecting is based on a detection of a subscription of said subscriber to a new service.

5. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein said checking ~~step~~ is performed on the basis of a capability information added based on said ~~detection step~~ to detecting a response message of a re-registration procedure initiated by said terminal device.

6. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 5, wherein said re-registration procedure is initiated by said terminal device in response to a de-registration procedure initiated when a change of said subscription information has been detected in said ~~detection step~~detecting.

7. (Original) A method according to claim 5, wherein said re-registration procedure is a periodic re-registration procedure initiated at predetermined intervals.

8. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein a configuration information is provided for determining subscribed services needing predetermined serving network elements.

9. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein said checking ~~step~~ further comprises: ~~the steps of~~

transmitting a capability query comprising an information indicating at least one required capability to said serving network element,

comparing capabilities of said serving network element with said information about said at least one required capabilities, and

receiving an acknowledgement indicating the result of said comparing ~~step~~ from said serving network element.

10. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein said checking further ~~step~~ comprises: ~~the steps of~~

transmitting an information indicating at least one required capability and an identification of said serving network element to an interrogating network element,

checking at said interrogating network element whether said serving network element fulfills said at least one required capabilities, and

receiving an acknowledgement indicating the result of said checking ~~step~~ from said interrogating network element.

11. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 9, further comprising: ~~the step of~~

sending a de-register message for de-registering said terminal device to said serving network element in response to the received result.

12. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 11, wherein a re-registration procedure is initiated by said terminal device in response to a message issued by said serving network element.

13. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 11, wherein said de-register message ~~includes~~ comprises a cause information ~~which indicates~~ configured to indicate that the reason for de-registration was a need for changing said subscriber information.

14. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 13, wherein said cause information is used by said terminal device to detect that a re-registration is required.

15. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 9, wherein a selection function of said data network is initiated using said information about said at least one required capability, and a resulting identification information of said new serving network element is notified to a proxy network element connected to said terminal device.

16. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 15, wherein said notification is performed using an identification of said proxy network element stored at a subscriber database.

17. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 16, wherein said identification is requested from said serving network element using said de-register message.

18. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 15, wherein said selection function is performed by an interrogating network element.

19. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein said checking ~~step~~ is performed by requesting from said data network a capability list ~~containing~~ comprising required capabilities of serving network elements.

20. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 19, wherein said capability list is requested from an interrogating network element.

21-31. (Cancelled)

32. (Currently Amended) An apparatus, comprising:

~~a processor subscriber database for storing a subscription information of a subscriber of a data network, said database being arranged~~configured to detect a change in ~~said a~~ subscription information and to initiate a registration procedure for registering a terminal device of ~~said a~~ subscriber to a new serving network element in response to ~~the a~~ result of a checking operation ~~for checking~~configured to check whether a capability of a network element serving a terminal device of said subscriber is still in accordance with said changed subscription information.

33. (Currently Amended) ~~An apparatus subscriber database~~ according to claim 32, wherein said ~~subscriber database~~processor is ~~arranged~~further configured to initiate said registration procedure by issuing a de-register message.

34. (Currently Amended) ~~An apparatus subscriber database~~ according to claim 32, wherein said ~~subscriber processor database~~ is further configured ~~arranged~~ to initiate said registration procedure by initiating a selection function ~~for selecting~~to select said new serving network element.

35. (Currently Amended) ~~An apparatus subscriber database~~ according to claim 32, wherein said ~~subscriber database~~apparatus is a ~~HSS~~Home subscriber server.

36. (Currently Amended) ~~An apparatus-subscriber database~~ according to claim 32, wherein said ~~database-processor~~ is ~~arranged-further configured~~ to inhibit an unnecessary registration based on a configuration information provided at said ~~database~~apparatus.

37. (New) An apparatus, comprising:
a processor configured to register a serving network element configured providing session control services for said apparatus,

wherein said apparatus is configured to receive a de-register message containing a cause information, which indicates the reason for the de-register message, and said apparatus is further configured, in response to said de-register message, to initiate automatically a new initial registration procedure for registering said apparatus to a new serving network element providing session control services for said apparatus, if a result of a checking operation for checking a capability of a current serving network element indicates that the capability is not in accordance with a change in subscription information of said subscriber.

38. (New) An apparatus according to claim 37, wherein said de-register message is a message in accordance with a session initiation protocol.

39. (New) An apparatus according to claim 38, wherein said de-register message is a session initiation protocol NOTIFY-message.

40. (New) An apparatus, comprising:
a processor configured to check whether a capability of a current serving network element serving a terminal device of a subscriber is still in accordance with a change in subscription information.

41. (New) An apparatus according to claim 40, further comprising:
a sender configured to send a registration authorization message to a subscriber database in response to a registration message for a new registration of a terminal device.

42. (New) An apparatus according to claim 40, further comprising:
a further processor configured to initiate a registration procedure for registering said apparatus to a new serving network element, based on the result of said processor.

43. (New) An apparatus according to claim 40, wherein said apparatus is an interrogating call state control function of an Internet Protocol multimedia subsystem.